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MASSIVE PILEUP BLOCKS HIGHWAY - A firefighter helps the occupant of a vehicle get out of a window at the scene of a multi-car pileup about 5 kilometres south of the Didsbury overpass on Hwy. 2 in the southbound lane on the afternoon of Dec. 2. Police said up to 50 vehicles were involved in the collision. Carstairs, Didsbury and Olds fire departments attended as did numerous ambulances and a variety of police detachments. See page 2 for more.

Steer competitors banned from 2014 showing

BY KEVIN VINK
 MVP Staff

Royden Anderson, Riley Chalack, and other competitors who worked with the steer disqualified from the 2013 UFA Stampede Steer Classic, have been banned from competing in next year's competition, according to officials.

Along with Anderson and Chalack, Chris Wilson and Raymond Gonnet will not be permitted to enter the 2014 UFA Stampede Steer Classic.

Kurt Kadatz, corporate communications director for the Calgary Stampede, said the decision was made after much discussion between stakeholders and the Stampede organization as a whole.

"Really, our stakeholders expect the Stampede to run a fair and clean competition, and because of the nature of the rules that were breached, we felt it was appropriate to suspend the folks," said Kadatz.

Chalack and Anderson entered a steer in the 2013 UFA Stampede Steer Classic and won the grand champion title, only to have it stripped because officials claimed drugs were found in the steer's blood following a blood test.

While the amount of drugs that were found in the steer may be debated over, Kadatz noted Stampede officials wanted to send out a clear message that

their competition rules cannot be breached.

"Everyone has a duty - everyone who touches that animal has a duty to care for that animal and uphold the rules, so that's why we felt it was the best thing to do to suspend (them) for a year," he added.

The decision was handed down at the end of October, he noted.

"So the fact is that there were two drugs found in the steer's system: ibuprofen and flunixin, and when we have drugs being combined like that, it's what we call drug stacking. We clearly say in our rules the animals cannot be altered physiologically, and that's what drug stacking does," he said.

"That is not part of an ethical, fair competition... We have people who question the (drug testing protocol and levels), and we weren't testing for levels, we were testing for mere presence."

Royden Anderson said at this point he couldn't care less about being barred from next year's showing.

"I don't care if I get banned, because it's a vindictive political position on their part," said Anderson.

He is more bothered by the banning of the entire group of people, he noted.

"They've got no proof of any of their stances, other than saying there was a trace amount of a drug that

was so minimal you could say there was none in it."

He said he is also bothered because the ban is for unethical conduct, "when it's obvious that no action of wrongdoing has been done."

"It's like they took a shotgun approach at whoever to find a culprit, so instead of finding the one person they think is guilty, they shot everybody. Problem is they forgot about the scientific evidence that nobody did anything (wrong)."

He also noted that the Stampede did not contact Chris Wilson, Trausch Farms or Raymond Gonnet at all after the Stampede show, including during the investigation.

"All of a sudden, these people just get a call that they're banned next year, or a letter."

He attributes the actions of the Stampede to the organization trying to save face.

"They've gotta show to the public that they're right," he said.

"They're grasping onto this concept that they have a trace drug, but no evidence on their behalf on anything that supports their claim, especially when the drug tests were invalid (because they used an equine blood test)."

He added that a tissue sample, and not a blood sample, is how meat is tested before going into the food chain.

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ABOVE: Emergency workers reunite a dog with its owners after it had run off.

TOP-RIGHT: Workers load an occupant of a vehicle onto a stretcher.

BOTTOM-RIGHT: Some of the vehicles showing extensive damage following the multiple-vehicle pileup.

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Volunteers make efforts to keep town safe

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

The Didsbury Citizens on Patrol (COP) has experienced a notable increase in membership recently, with a current total of 24 members.

Others are still working through the application process, say officials.

COP secretary Al

Hansen said he's happy to see more residents signing up to pitch in and help keep the community safer.

"We're the eyes and ears of the local detachment," noted Hansen. "We don't enter into any actual activity, other than to patrol, watch, note and report."

Volunteers spend their time driving around the town and the area – a total of 192 volunteer hours and 1,274 kilometres between July 1 and Sept. 30 alone, he said.

They are on the lookout for vandals, thieves, and other ne'er-do-wells

during their patrols, all in an effort to be there when police are elsewhere.

"What we do is report to the patrol what we see and they take it from there," he added.

"We have had successes with stolen vehicles, vandals and impaired drivers over the years."

Sgt. Jeff Jacobson said that the detachment appreciates having the extra help out and about in the community.

"We certainly enjoy partnering with the (COP)," said Jacobson.

"They are our eyes and ears. We can't be everywhere all the time,

but certainly having concerned citizens who are willing to step up to the plate...helps us keep our areas one of the safest in Alberta."

Their efforts help deter crime simply by their presence, he added.

"We certainly look to our community to help us solve crime and they are one of the integral components of that."

Hansen noted the organization is always happy to take on more volunteers, and if anybody is interested, they can contact the Didsbury RCMP Detachment for further information.



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Council supports new off-leash park

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Town councillors voted at the last meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 26, to support the Didsbury Veterinary Clinic's proposed off-leash park, by providing garbage disposal, benches, and weed control, as well as some gravel and fencing.

Peace officer Derek Sutherland talked to council on the subject, noting that bylaw services has been

trying to champion a park like this for some time.

"The reasons they haven't happened at this point are first of all problems identifying spaces to allot, and the expense to fence an area," said Sutherland.

He noted that because the space would be for a specific group, it would be a hard sell to residents, but because the clinic has volunteered the space and just asked for some support from the town, most of the work has already been done.

One of the major problems the clinic has faced

so far has to do with getting liability insurance, and town officials found that the town would be able to add that portion of the clinic's property onto the town's policy without having to pay extra, so they also voted to do that.

Council meets regarding Miki Town trip

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Town council was expected to meet for a special council meeting on Monday, Dec. 2, to discuss the biennial trip to Miki Town, Japan, by town officials and local students.

Councillors previously discussed the trip, noting

that it is a contentious issue for some residents, who do not think the trip is worth the cost.

Mayor Rick Mousseau said that council voted at the regular council meeting on Nov. 26 to put off the trip - currently scheduled for April next year - until 2015, though he noted the decision may change

at the Monday meeting.

"We would like to continue with our relationship and we don't want to give up on it. We think it will be good for Didsbury," said Mousseau.

He noted that officials in Miki Town have been developing a rare sugar derived from plant matter, and that they have

been looking at opening up a plant in North America.

The trip would cost about \$6,400 for two town officials, after deductions for airfare from town Avion points.



Kevin Vink/MVP Staff

The Didsbury Elks and Royal Purple got together for the Elks' installation last Thursday, Nov. 28. Terry Phillips will be taking the helm for the second year in a row as exalted ruler of the service club.

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Opinion

Editorial

Women's shelter shortage unacceptable

As Canadians mark the anniversary of the horrific Dec. 6, 1989 Montreal Ecole Polytechnique massacre of 14 women this week, the battle to end violence against women in every province and territory, in small towns and in large cities alike, continues unabated.



DAN SINGLETON

And while the Montreal tragedy is now many years ago, the sad truth is that far, far too many Canadian women of all ages continue to face violence in their daily lives.

No easy solutions have been found to stop violence against women, but that hasn't stopped countless Canadians from working tirelessly to bring

such violence to an end.

One of the latest initiatives aimed at ending violence against women is being spearheaded by YWCA Canada, the largest national provider of shelter services for women and children fleeing violence.

The organization's Rose Campaign calls for a National Action Plan on violence against women. The plan would bring together existing provincial and national strategies with the ultimate aim of creating national legislation. While the call comes 24 years after the Montreal killings, it is a message that Canadian and Alberta politicians should be hearing loud and clear in 2013.

According to the YWCA, a shortage of shelters has become a bottleneck in the effort to protect women from violence.

"Across the country demand for services and programs outstrips capacity," said YWCA CAO Paulette Senior. "Affordable housing tops the list of what women need to leave violence behind and live safely in community. This is the big missing piece."

"Violence against women is a \$4-billion problem in Canada. Each year, violence and abuse drive over 100,000 women and children out of their homes and into shelters. They face an uncertain future with a high risk of homelessness and poverty."

Making emergency shelter spaces available for women in need is one hundred per cent about providing adequate resources for staffing and infrastructure. Canada is a rich and prosperous country that can and must do more to end this wholly unacceptable shelter shortage.

And, in the end, the people who are ultimately responsible for making those needed resources available are MPs and MLAs.

As Canadians mark one of the saddest chapters in the nation's history this week, there is no better time for elected officials to commit themselves to ensuring that there is adequate emergency shelter capacity for each and every woman who needs it.

Failing to do so, without delay, is to insult the women who died on Dec. 6, 1989 and their families and friends who were left to grieve.



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Letter to the editor Christmas Helpers update

We the members of the Didsbury Christmas Helpers sincerely thank all who have taken on the responsibility of providing the non-perishable food for the families of the Didsbury area.

To date, we have 70 of the 120 hampers covered. Please contact the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church (ZEMC) at 403-335 3629 if you need any kind of information.

I have met many people who are enjoying doing this for us - maybe you could join them in this project.

Dates to Remember: Dec. 18

all hampers, unwrapped gifts for children and families, and any extra food and money to help with purchase of fresh food and vouchers must be taken to Zion Church.

It is also the cutoff date for any names of families or individuals needing this kind of help this Christmas.

Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. is the annual gift-wrapping at ZEMC.

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This night is a very enjoyable tradition bringing all into the

spirit of Christmas!

Many of you know that this is a completely community-funded project committed to helping those who, for one reason or another, find themselves needing a hand up at this time.

It is an honour to be a part of this project that year after year has helped so many. We can only say thank you, but our hearts are full to overflowing with joy to remember the faithfulness of all who help us each year to complete this project.

Linda Sirm and Linda Regner
Christmas Helpers organizers

I will always be a nurse before I am an employee

I've been a registered nurse for 23 years now, and I have learned in those years that one of the most important aspects of our profession is being an advocate for my patients. I have progressed from individual advocacy to collective advocacy and therefore became president of United Nurses of Alberta Local 43 (Olds).

I am writing in response to Deb Gordon's comments from the Nov. 26 *Olds Albertan* article, "Nurses union, AHS at odds on impact of possible scheduling changes," and urge the public to be cautious about terms used. More specifically, "no desire to lose any nurses" does not translate into "we will not lay off nurses."

I am also wary about her speaking about "staff" versus "nurses". There are initiatives underway by AHS to increase the number of HCAs (health care aides) at the bedside while decreasing the number of RNs and LPNs. While I agree that HCAs are needed, they cannot replace nurses. It is tempt-

ing to just define a "task" and then analyze who can accomplish that task at the cheapest cost. For example, a patient needs a bath.

An HCA can certainly do that, but if a nurse performs the bath, we are also doing a head-to-toe assessment, noting changes, informing the doctor when appropriate and building a rapport so that person is more likely to share needed information. There are studies that show having a nurse at the bedside decreases time spent in hospital, adverse outcomes, and patient deaths. UNA is worried that as we go from front-line nursing up into the echelons of AHS, the focus changes from being patient-focused to a monetary focus. I believe in fiscal responsibility, but what price do you put on patient safety?

Nursing is an art and a science, and I will always be a nurse before I am an employee. I have to speak up and let the public know that although words

spoken sound positive, they cannot be taken away at face value. Nurses have been told by AHS that we are "respected" and "valued." I think you'd be hard-pressed to find a nurse that works for AHS that feels that is true at the present time.

We had our AGM for Local 43 tonight, and I played a song by the Dixie Chicks, which included the lyrics:

I'm not ready to make nice
I'm not ready to back down
I'm still mad as hell and
I don't have time to go round and round.

These are issues that we fought for 10 years ago, and here we are again. So, while AHS tries to decide who will be CEO this week, nurses will continue to do our job and keep the foundation of health care in Alberta steady. We will stand strong and fight for our profession and those we are privileged to care for.

Heather Venneman, RN
Olds

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Atom tournament goes well despite weather

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Despite inclement weather, the tournament hosted by two Didsbury Atom hockey teams turned out to be a good weekend of hockey, according to organizers.

The tournament, which took place at the Didsbury Memorial Complex on the weekend of November 16

and 17, had a few cancellations because three teams couldn't make it on Saturday, said tournament co-chair Scott Sinclair. "We had to do some shuffling around, but we made it work," said Sinclair.

There was a full slate of games on Sunday, with three competing teams coming from Calgary, two from Airdrie and one from Okotoks. "It was good,

most of the games were close," he said, noting that there were only a couple of blowouts. "So it was very competitive for all teams involved."

There were 20 games played in total and organizers had been planning on 24 games before the snow blew in.

The Didsbury A team had three losses and no wins, and the B team got three wins and one loss.

Stick curling tournament

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

The Didsbury Curling Club hosted a stick curling bonspiel on Thursday and Friday, November 21 and 22, and Wayne Sandy, bonspiel chairman, said there were 16 teams in total.

The teams of two came from as far as Airdrie and Three Hills, and also included those from Olds, Carstairs and Didsbury.

"It was great," said Sandy. "We had great Stirling curling, and great lunches and the occasional pop after."

They announced the winners at the end of each day, with Garry Sherman and Diana Hickman tying with Bruce Mjolsness and

Norma Disney on Thursday, and Carson Schultz and Garry Sherman winning on Friday.

Sandy said the Didsbury Stirling Club plays two games every Tuesday, and the ages of participants range from 62 to 87 years, with 31 curlers in the league.

He noted that there are 90 leagues in Alberta, and added the Didsbury league has been going for over 10 years.

Those interested in learning more about the league are encouraged to visit the curling club on Tuesday mornings starting at 10 a.m.

He thanked all the locals and out-of-towners who supported the bonspiel by coming out.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING: Tuesday, January 14 at 7:00 pm.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION: Wednesday, December 11 at 4:30 pm.

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ROLLOUT CART PICK UP SCHEDULE

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Black Bin	--	3,4,5,17,18,19
Green Bin	Collection of green bins will start-up again in the spring of 2014	

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TOWN OF DIDSBURY HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

The Town Office, Didsbury Neighborhood Place, and Public Works will be closed December 24, 25, 26; open until noon on December 31, and closed all day on January 1. The Memorial Complex will be closed on December 25 & 26 and January 1. The Didsbury Aquatic Centre will be closed from December 23 - December 27 for scheduled maintenance. Merry Christmas from Mayor Mousseau, Council and Staff!

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Bread truck stolen

A vehicle that was parked at a business on Co-op Road was broken into between Nov. 23 around noon and the following day, said Didsbury RCMP Sgt. Jeff Jacobson.

The ignition was damaged, but whoever broke into the vehicle was unable to start it, he noted.

Around the same time, a Ford E-450 box truck was stolen from the same area.

"This one was actually a big bread truck. It has been recovered in Calgary," he said.

"It appears that somebody took it just to get from Didsbury to Calgary, because it was observed back in Calgary on Nov. 24, but was only recently reported as being abandoned there because it had been parked for so long."

Jacobson said the suspect knew what he or she was doing, and he wants to remind residents to lock their vehicles and report suspicious activity that they may see around either their own or other peoples' vehicles.

Off-roaders cause damage

A wrought-iron fence was damaged by a group of quadders and snowmobilers recently near Rge. Rd. 60 and Twp. Rd. 301 by Water Valley, according to police.

"A number of Ski-doo's and quads were driving around and caused some damage to the roadway and struck and bent an iron gate in that area," said Sgt. Jeff Jacobson.

"Certainly with the snow out there, we're going

Police briefs

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

to start seeing more skidoos and people using off-road vehicles. We want to remind the public to treat areas with respect and use those machines only where they are legally permitted to use."

He added that if any damage is caused during such activities, the operators should report it to the property owners immediately to rectify the problem, otherwise they can face charges similar to if they had committed a hit and run.

"If there is anybody who has information on this particular incident, we would love to hear from them, or if somebody didn't realize they needed to report it, they can certainly come down to us and make the report to get ahold of the property owner and make the necessary amends," he noted.

Charges follow crash

Police were called to a vehicle that had ended up in the ditch a few miles west of Cremona on Nov. 25 around 4 p.m., said Jacobson.

Upon attending, officers arrested a 40-year-old man from the Cremona area who had a number of outstanding warrants, he said.

He is now facing new charges in relation to driving without insurance, driving while suspended, and driving an unregistered vehicle, he noted.

The man has also been charged with the misuse

of a licence plate, an unsafe lane change, and was issued a 24-hour suspension due to driving under the influence, he added.

Jacobson reminds the public that it is the season for responsibly enjoying alcoholic beverages.

Siding damaged

A pop bottle was thrown at a residence on Vala Rosa Place between 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Nov. 22, said Jacobson.

The act caused damage to the siding of the house and police are seeking information from anybody who may have seen the incident.



Noel West/MVP Staff

ICETIME - A Didsbury Ramblers player chases after the puck during the Ramblers game against the Okotoks Green team during the Didsbury Atom hockey tournament on Nov. 16. See full story on page 5.



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Country Christmas 2013



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(Left) Monika Hoegger of the Bergen Reindeer Ranch poses with two of Santa's reindeer during Country Christmas on Friday, Nov. 29. (Above) Niko Tsiras enjoys the relatively warm night while playing his saxophone on 20th Street.



Kevin Vink/MVP Staff

(Above) Emma Rose Danby gets her face painted at the library by Donna McWhinney. (Right) One of two hayride wagons pulls into the loading zone to pick up more passengers.



A Christmas Carol to take the stage in Olds

Local studio to put on the show, starring OKCS and DHS students

BY PAUL EVEREST
MVP Staff

It was during a performance of *A Christmas Carol* at Theatre Calgary last year that Cali Beazley realized she needed to stage the much-loved tale on a local stage.

"As I was sitting watching it—I've done this show before—I was saying to myself, I need to do this show again," she said. "It's such a good story. It has such a good ending and I think it's something that we all need to remember. You always have a chance to do better in life and at this time of year, that message is super important."

Beazley's Didsbury-based Creatively Cali Art and Performance Studio will present *A Christmas Carol* at Olds' TransCanada Theatre on December 12 and 13 with 30 local students, including students from Olds Koinonia Christian School and Didsbury High School, serving as cast and crew for the production.

Students have been preparing since September for the production, said Beazley, who also teaches drama at Didsbury High School, adding this will be a "traditional" telling of the transformation of Ebenezer Scrooge.

For those humbugs who somehow don't know the story, *A Christmas Carol* follows the heartless Scrooge as he learns, thanks to the help of three ghosts that visit him on Christmas Eve, that compassion and generosity are the true meanings of Christmas and humanity.

The performances begin at 7 p.m. with Monika with a K Musik performing Christmas music as a warm-up to the show.

Beazley said the show has been condensed to run about 50 minutes.

Tickets are \$15 and admission for children under five years old is free.

Tickets are available at Didsbury High School or by contacting the studio at calicreativestudio@gmail.com or 403-507-5414.

peverest@olds.greatwest.ca



Image by Cali Beazley

Didsbury's Creatively Cali Art and Performance Studio presents *A Christmas Carol* at the TransCanada Theatre on December 12 and 13. The production will feature local students.

Shields turns over crown after good year

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Now that she has completed her duties as Miss Rodeo Canada (MRC) 2013, Gillian Shields is adjusting to life back home – kind of.

She passed over her duties to Miss Rodeo Canada 2014 on Nov. 9 during the Canadian Finals Rodeo matinee performance at Rexall Place in Edmonton, and said she felt bittersweet about her run as Miss Rodeo Canada coming to an end.

"It was really bitter-sweet," said Shields. "Obviously a lot of emotion, because you get used to seeing these people all the time, and you have this little family."

"It was just really crazy, because...I looked back at when I was run-

ning and now I had the opportunity to see it from a different light and saw the other girls, and I knew I'd been there. I knew exactly what they were going through."

She crowned Nicole Briggs, and it was an interesting experience for Shields, she noted.

"I actually crowned her before – she was also Miss Rodeo Airdrie. So this is the first time that Airdrie has consecutively won (MRC)...She's a really great girl and a good friend of mine, so it was cool to be able to do that."

Since then, life has been slowing down somewhat, though she is still on the go, and just left town earlier this week to go to Las Vegas for the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo – though this time, she will

be working for Stettson Apparel, rather than presiding as MRC.

She has developed many opportunities for herself while in her tenure as MRC, and though she is done with her duties, she will now be spending her time following up on those leads.

"It's just a new step and I didn't know what to expect, but so far it's good, so I'm very glad I did it."

While in her role as the representative of Canadian rodeo, she made over 500 appearances worldwide, including in Australia and New Zealand, she said.

"I did over 100 rodeo performances, which was pretty crazy. I met some amazing people, had some amazing opportunities, and experienced things that most



Gillian Shields at the Didsbury Rodeo in August.

Noel West/MVP Staff

people don't get to experience," she added.

"Definitely got a different outlook on life,

which is pretty cool. I enjoyed it, but it was very busy."

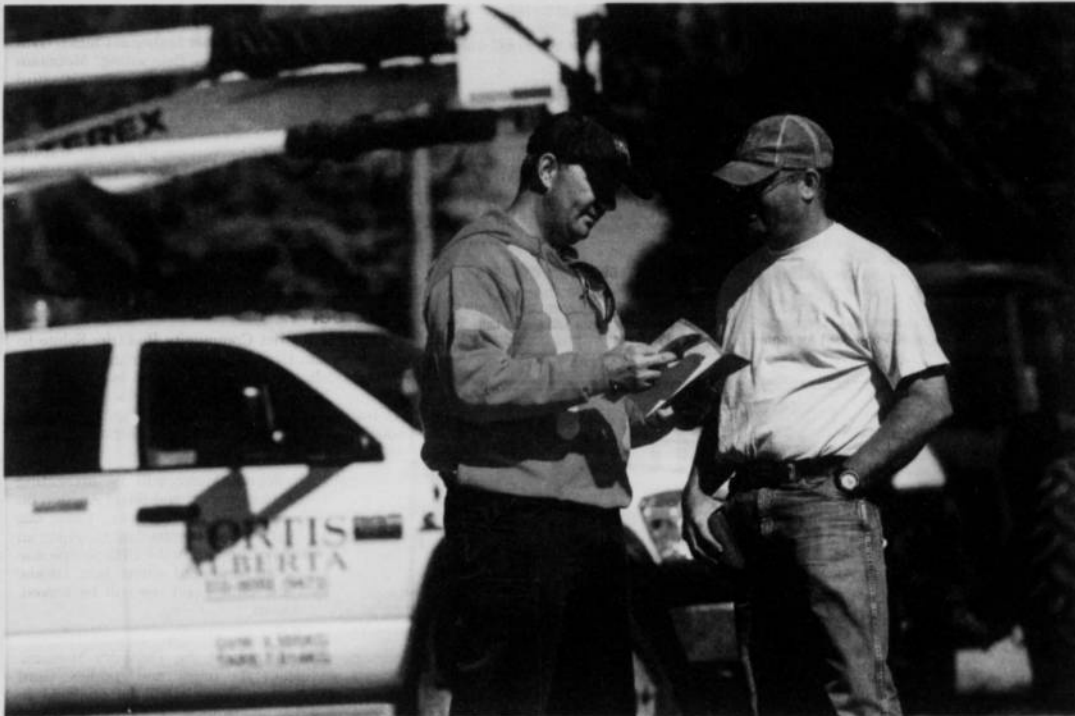
It was interesting being able to travel all around Alberta to attend various rodeos, but other highlights of her year were being able to attend large rodeos like the Pendleton Round-up in Oregon and the Cheyenne Frontier Days in Wyoming. She even went wild hog hunting while in Florida, she noted.

"Australia was probably the most different. We got to see kangaroos, and I got to snorkel in the Great Barrier Reef, and I bungee jumped off the Auckland (Harbour) Bridge in New Zealand."

She made a connection with Gord Bamford, a country musician who also attended many rodeos over the last year, and she got to be in the music video for his single *Farm Girl Strong*.

"And he's a big supporter of rodeo and 4-H and agriculture because he's from our area, so just every time he was somewhere and I was somewhere we would kind of hang out and chat for a bit, so he's been really awesome to get to know this year."

The last year was a great growing experience for her, and she added that it has given her a whole new perspective on life, and she said she's excited to see where she goes from here.



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DIDSBURY TOPS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Val at 403-335-3990 or Sheila 403-335-9964.

BEAVERS TUES. - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

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DIDSBURY AND AREA SUPPORT GROUP - for friends and families of people with Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia. Join us the last Monday of each month, 7-9 p.m. Aspen Ridge Lodge, 1100 - 20 Ave., Didsbury. 403-335-9848. Dolina Watson, 403-335-7285.

DIDSBURY & DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES AUXILIARY - monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in Unit 4 at the hospital.

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SUPPER INVITATION - The Didsbury Lions Club welcomes men & lady visitors at their supper meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month, 6:45 p.m. at the 5-0 Club. For information and to RSVP call 403-335-9173 or 403-335-4796.

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FRIDAYS - CRIBBAGE STARTS - at the Elks Hall - 7:00 p.m.

DIDSBURY AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP - Fridays at 7:00 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, 21 Ave. & 21 St. Suzanne 403-337-3033 or Jennifer 403-335-8388

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHORALERS BEGIN THEIR FALL PRACTICES on Monday evening, Sept. 10 at 7pm. at the FIVE-0 Club. If you like to sing come and join us, we are a fun group.

COMMUNITY VOLLEYBALL NIGHT - Adult co-ed drop-in Volleyball at Zion Church. Sun. Feb. 3. 7:00pm-9:00pm. \$2.00/night. Call Garnet 403-335-9820.

MOUNTAIN VIEW ARTS SOCIETY - for lovers of art, culture and heritage of Didsbury & Mountain View County. Info at www.mountainviewartsociety.ca or call 403-335-9445.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF DIDSBURY/ CARSTAIRS meets each Wednesday from 5:00 to 6:00pm. Contact Ernie Ruckman. 403-335-4739. New Members Welcome!

DIDSBURY DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP meets every last Monday of the month. 3:00pm at Aspen Ridge Lodge. Contact Brandee 403-335-7273 or Sharon 403-335-7285.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHORALERS have started their fall practices. If you like to sing, join us at the 5-0 Club. Monday evenings @7pm. We are a fun group.

OLDS COMMUNITY CHORUS- WINTER/ CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2013: Thursday, Dec. 19th 7:30pm. Olds First Baptist Church, 5005-53 Ave. 47-51

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S BREAKFAST - Tuesday December 10, 2013, 9:30am. Redeemer Lutheran Church Gym. For reservations or more info please call Ann 403-335-8444 48-49



AROUND TOWN

WITH THE DIDSBURY LIBRARY

Till December 11

Art Exhibit at the Didsbury Library. "Sweetened Condensed: Tiny Tales of Wit, Wisdom and Wonder" is a series of illustrations by Elizabeth Burnitt, each of which is based on an evocative one-line story, each written by a different author. The exhibit is throughout the library for you to enjoy.

December 7

Mtn. View EM Church invites you to their annual Christmas Banquet at Lone Pine Hall. Entertainment by musician Trevor Baker. Supper, door prize, candy bags for the kids. No Charge - donation box will be available. Please RSVP by December 4 to Cheryl at (403)586-2327.

December 9

Regular meeting of Didsbury Lifeline Society. Monday, December 9th at 10 am at the town Office. Visitors welcomed.

December 10

Mountain View Christian Women's Breakfast. Tuesday 9:30 - 11:30. Redeemer Lutheran Church Gym 1500 23 St. \$6 per person. Free Babysitting. Mountain View Christian Women's Breakfast Tues Dec 10, 2013 9:30 am, Lutheran Church Gym. This month's feature is how to decorate a Table Top Tree with Gord from Victoria's Flowers. For tickets or more info please call Ann 403-335-8444. For reservations, please call Ann 403-335-8444. Reservations should be honored, cancelled, or used by a friend.

December 11

Five-0 Club welcomes members and guests to our Pot Luck Luncheon. Turkey provided. Wednesday, December 11 at 12:30. Please bring your favourite salad, dessert, or veggie dish.

December 12

Didsbury & District Community Bus trip: Salute to Rocky Mountain House 100 years. Program of skits, duets, musicals and much more. Cost is \$35 for bus and show. Supper at Nick & Leslie's restaurant (your cost). Bus leaving Complex at 3:30 pm. Call Bea at 403-335-3058 or Linda at 403-556-6647 to reserve and pay.

December 15

Didsbury High School Music will be presenting their Annual Christmas Concert and Silent Auction on Sunday, December 15, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. Come out to the Didsbury High School Gymnasium to enjoy an afternoon of music performed by the DHS Symphonic Winds, the Grade 9 band and three Jazz Bands. Christmas treats and coffee and tea will be served. Admission by donation.

December 18

Christmas Sing-A-Long at the Didsbury Museum. Come out and enjoy the music and goodies. Gord Fulton from Victoria's Flowers will be on hand to demonstrate creating Holiday Decorations using readily available items.

December 21

The Mountain View Model Railroad Club will be holding an open house from 1-4 pm at the Didsbury Museum. Their model railroad display depicts our town in the early 50-60's complete with a variety of scenery as the trains travel on their journey. Come and chat with the railroad guys and see how the trains operate behind the scenes. Everyone is welcome to this free event.

December 31

New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance at the Elks Hall. Cocktails at 6. Dinner at 7. Kinband plays at 9. Purchase tickets from GTA Performance in Didsbury before December 20 or call Erin at (403)818-0761. Tickets will NOT be available at the door.

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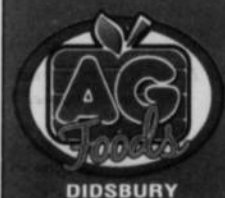
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Fashion show supports Kenya mission

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

A fashion show benefiting Project Roret, a mission in Kenya, brought in just under \$17,000 on Saturday, Nov. 23, accord-

ing to organizers.

Cathy Jackson, who helped organize the event, said it "was a great success."

Last year, a similar event was held in the Elks Lodge, but this year the

group decided to hold it in the Multi-Purpose Room in the Memorial Complex instead, which allowed even more people to attend, she said, noting that 173 tickets were bought this year, and

that the extra space also allowed for an expansion onto the African market.

"We had more fantastic silent auction items from individuals and businesses in the Carstairs, Didsbury and Olds areas than the previous year," she said, adding that attendees also got to watch some multi-media presentations explaining what the mission is building towards, and what it has accomplished so far.

"Highlights of the update were the purchase of land last year to drill a well, and an additional piece of land adjacent to that piece, which will be used to house a family for security purposes."

"A 10,000-litre water tank was also purchased in the interim and installed in the village."

The fashion show was hosted by Fashions on Main, whose staff assembled three sets of fashions: party wear, casual wear and evening wear.

"A highlight of the night was a group of young girls who came out to model amazing and fun hairstyles designed by Zebedee's," said Jackson.

A singing group called The Accidentals came out to sing a few jazzy Christmas carols, and the

event was wrapped up with a grand door prize of an African carved giraffe, a raffle prize of a large trunk worth over \$1,000, and a trip to Las Vegas valued at over \$1,400, she noted.

There was also an African-themed market with items that had previously been brought back from craftspeople in Kenya, such as carved wooden bowls, salad tongs, carved animals of all sizes, and many other handcrafted

goods.

After the event at the complex finished off, some of the attendees headed back to Fashions on Main for the after-party where there were more draws, she added.

Overall, it was a good night for the mission.

"We are looking forward to an even bigger and better event next year," she said.

"Thanks to everyone who supported us and came out to enjoy the evening."

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Noel West/MVP Staff

A model shows off an outfit during the 2nd Annual Fall Fashion Show benefiting Project Roret at the Didsbury Memorial Complex on Nov. 23.



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A group of young models show off their outfits during the show.

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140. Births 140. Births

Kevin & Karla (Shultz) Pohl are very excited to announce the safe arrival of their son

James Michael Murray
born Nov.19/13.

Proud Grandparents are
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Phillip & Elaine Shultz and
Great-Grandparents
Nadine Maffitt & Lyle Shultz.

180. Thank You 180. Thank You

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Thanks to all businesses who provided us with silent auction items and to all our volunteers who helped with the event. The support from local businesses in Carstairs, Didsbury and Olds was fantastic! Special thanks to Zebedee's Hair Design for styling all our models with such fun and funky hairstyles, Didsbury Catering and Delights for the wonderful food, Didsbury Elks for bartending services and Madelaine Brown Photography for documenting the event. A special thanks to Fashions of Main for partnering with us to create a memorable event.

See you all next year!

190. Announcements 190. Announcements

Please join us for a Community Baby Shower
(Men too) for

James Michael Murray
son of Kevin and Karla (Shultz) Pohl
On Dec.15/13 from 2-4pm
at Mountainview Hall.



DIDSBURY STUDENT RECEIVES PHD
Alex Beldan, who attended Ross Ford Elementary School from 1981-1987, recently completed his PhD at the University of Western Ontario in London. His area of study was meta-ethics. Alex and his wife Elana live in Saskatoon and work at the University of Saskatchewan.

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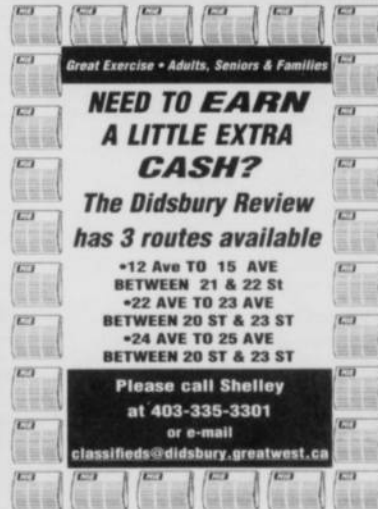
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1409 - 20 Avenue



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105 Morris Place



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Congratulations

to our winner from Country Christmas:

Rod Holliday



2102 - 16 Avenue



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\$199,000

15 Miltford Lane, Carstairs



The "Villas of Parkview Estates". Lovely 50+ unit, fully finished, gas fireplace, vaulted ceiling, 2 bdrms, 2 dens, 2 baths, heated single garage, covered patio, great location.

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1435 - 21 Avenue



4 plex revenue property, 2 X 2 bedroom suites and 2 X 3 bedroom suites, bi-level style, centrally located, good parking.

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18 Westpoint Drive



Gorgeous custom home, open plan, hardwood, oak kitchen, large island, 2 gas fireplaces, in-floor heat, 2 tiered deck with gazebos, great location.

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305 Westhill Close



1400+ sq. ft., 3 + 1 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 fireplaces, hardwood, tile, granite counter tops, fully finished, in floor heat in basement, covered deck, double garage.

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2025 - 19 Avenue



Great exposure in Didsbury's downtown core, affordable building for your business or as a rental, 600 sq ft, 20' X 120' lot, reasonable price.

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1422 - 21 Avenue



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2018 - 20 Avenue

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